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Patrick “Dave” McDowell Appointed Public Safety Director

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – May 31, 2023 – The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dave McDowell as the director of the Department of Public Safety, effective June 2023.

“In his time with Calvert County, Dave has served our citizens and employees with distinction and has proven himself time and again a reliable and dedicated leader,” said BOCC President Earl F. “Buddy” Hance. “He has demonstrated his commitment to Calvert County with his impeccable service and brings a broad range of experience and knowledge with him to the Department of Public Safety. The BOCC looks forward to many years of collaboration and success working together for Calvert County.”

“Dave made countless contributions to Calvert County over his 30 plus years of impressive and admirable service,” said County Administrator Mark Willis. “He possesses the education, experience and leadership qualities essential to his new role, and I look forward to many more years of Dave’s leadership as he continues to contribute to the safety and well-being of Calvert County and our citizens.”

McDowell began his law enforcement service with the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office (CCSO) in 1991. Throughout his 30-year-law enforcement career, he attained and served within every rank of the agency; serving 10 years as assistant sheriff. He holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in management science from Johns Hopkins University and is a second-generation Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy graduate. McDowell also serves as a criminal justice professor at the College of Southern Maryland and Stevenson University.

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"I am honored to have been chosen as the Public Safety director," said Dave McDowell. "I am committed to working closely with the commissioners, our dedicated public safety professionals and volunteers, community partners and residents."

As Calvert County director of Public Safety, McDowell will oversee comprehensive strategies to ensure the safety and security of our community. His primary focus will be on enhancing collaboration between law enforcement agencies, community organizations and residents.

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